

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the phone interview on 12/20/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-5,9-11,13-17,19 and 21-33.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 12-20-05
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with C. Bart Sullivan on 12/20/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please cancel claim 6.

In claim 14, line 7, change "...the configuration memory or to the programmable input/output..." to "...the configuration memory and to the programmable input/output..."

In claim 15, line 7, change "...logic section or to the programmable input/output..." to "...logic section and to the programmable input/output..."

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: in combination with other limitations of the claims, the cited prior arts fail to teach the active logic section comprises a gate array and an embedded logic device and the gate array and the embedded logic device have separate supply connections, as recited in amended claim 3; the cited prior arts also fail to teach each of the separate power supply connections for the active logic section, the configuration memory, and the programmable input/output section are selectable between at least two different voltage levels, as recited in amended claim 5; the embedded logic device is connected to a third

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pair of the pins different from the first to receive power therefrom, as recited in amended claim 9; the cited prior arts also fail to teach the programmable input/output section is connected to a fourth pair of the pins different from the first and second to receive power therefrom, as recited in amended claim 11; the cited prior arts also fail to teach operating the device in a second mode of operation, in which power is supplied to the gate array of the active logic section and power is disconnected from the embedded logic device, as recited in amended claim 13; the cited prior arts also fail to teach the power supplied to the configuration memory and to the programmable input/output section comprises at least two selectable voltage levels, as recited in amended claim 14; the cited prior arts also fail to teach the power supplied to the active logic section or to the programmable input/output section comprises at least two selectable voltage levels, as recited in amended claim 15; and the cited prior arts also fail to teach a power control circuit configured to operate each of the selectable power supply connections to selectively supply different power supply voltages to the active logic circuit, the configuration memory, and the gate array in response to a predetermined mode of operation, as recited in claim 26.

3. Claims 3-5, 9-11, 13-17, 19 and 21-33 are now in condition for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vibol Tan whose telephone number is (571) 272-1811. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (7:00 AM-4:30 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rexford Barnie can be reached on (571) 272-7492. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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